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TOPIC Military Information from Leisnig

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1. Leisnig (N 52/K 69) residents said that three trains carrying at least 30 tanks and 15 trucks were dispatched during the nights of 6 and 7 April 1950. Two of the trains returned to Leisnig on 10 and 11 April 1950.
2. The barracks were occupied by troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank and artillery insignia. Some soldiers with radio and signal insignia were also seen.
3. There was much military activity in the Leisnig streets and in the barracks on 11 April 1950. Some small groups of soldiers engaged in routine training were seen.

Fifteen to 20 soldiers wearing tank insignia unloaded beds, lockers, chairs and tables at the freight station during the afternoon. Ammunition boxes were transloaded from a boxcar to trucks. Several loads of beds and furniture from the railroad station to the barracks.

- * Comment. Report indicates that Leisnig tank units left the post by rail between 6 and 8 April 1950 and returned to the post by 11 April 1950, presumably after completion of short field exercises and record service practice. The troops presumably belonged to the Leisnig components of the 8th Gds Mezz Div, including the 64th Gds Hv Tank SP Regt. Similar information was also obtained from Grimma and Eilenburg. [redacted] reported that Soviet officers were overheard saying in early April 1950 that the units would leave between 10 and 15 April 1950 for maneuvers which would last until October 1950.

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